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COMMEMORATION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Amendments proposed to the draft declaration (rolling text 1) (A/AC.240/1995/WG/6) for the fiftieth anniversary

A. Amendments proposed by Brazil

At the end of paragraph 7, add the following new sentence

We are therefore committed to an increase in the membership of the Security Council and to relate changes designed to enhance its efficiency.

B. Amendments proposed by China

1. At the end of paragraph 3, add the following new sentence

The United Nations has also experienced ups and downs, even setbacks, in the first 50 years, which deserve careful study.

2. Paragraph 7

After For these reasons add and the setbacks suffered by the United Nations.

After itself add and draw lessons from its defects.

C. Amendments proposed by Japan

At the end of paragraph 7, add the following new sentence

It is thus important that the momentum towards the reform of the United Nations be maintained so that an agreement be reached on a reform plan that includes an increase in the membership of the Security Council and the related changes designed to enhance its efficiency.

D. Amendments proposed by the Working Group of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries

1. Replace the first subparagraph of paragraph 1 by the following

Acknowledge the significant contribution made by the United Nations in the cause of the common welfare of the community of nations.

2. Replace the second subparagraph of paragraph 1 by the following

Express our gratitude to all men and women who have served the aims and ideals of the United Nations.

3. Replace the third subparagraph of paragraph 1 by the following

Renew our commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirm the guiding principles of sovereignty, sovereign equality, territorial integrity and non-interference in internal affairs of States.

4. Replace the fourth subparagraph of paragraph 1 by the following

Are determined to make the United Nations, during the remaining part of this century and in the twenty-first century, redouble its commitment to promote development, peace, equality and justice and thus foster a better understanding among the peoples of the world.

5. Add the following new subparagraph at the end of paragraph 1

Underscore the relationship between the maintenance of international peace and security and development and stress that it is economic and social development which underpins and ensures international peace and security.

6. Paragraph 3, third sentence,

before decolonization process insert ongoing and after those words add and the elimination of apartheid.

7. Paragraph 4, third line

Replace in any action by in actions.

8. At the end of paragraph 6, add

in particular, the eradication of poverty and the closing of the gap that exists between the develop and developing countries.

9. Paragraph 7

Replace paragraph 7 by the two following paragraphs

We stress the need for the promotion of democracy within and among nations and, in particular, the democratization of the United Nations, through its reform and restructuring, in order to allow the fullest participation and engagement of all its members in the fulfilment of its common endeavours, as well as to ensure participation, equitable representation and an appropriate balance between the United Nations organs, in accordance with the Charter. We call for the revitalization of the General Assembly as the only principal organ of the United Nations in which all member States are represented.

The reform and expansion aspects of the Security Council should be considered as integral parts of a common package, taking into account the principles of sovereign equality of States and equitable geographical distribution, as well as the need for transparency, accountability and democratization in the working methods and procedures of the Security Council including the decision-making process and procedures of this organ. The proposed enlargement of the Security Council should be comprehensive in nature, so as to enhance its credibility and to reflect the universal character of the universal body.

10. Paragraph 8

Replace paragraph 8 by the following

The closing years of the first half-century of the United Nations have seen a significant expansion of the role of the Organization in the maintenance of international peace and security. We are convinced that this requires a thorough review so as to avoid any detrimental effect on resources geared to developmental and other activities of the United Nations.

11. Paragraph 9, first subparagraph

Delete including non-military threats

12. Paragraph 9, second subparagraph

Replace between by among and add as well as tolerance between States.

13. Paragraph 9, third subparagraph

At the end of the sentence add in accordance with Chapter V of the Charter.

14. Paragraph 9

After the third subparagraph, insert the following new subparagraph

Enhance the role of the United Nations in eradicating colonialism and foreign occupation and in enabling the peoples under foreign occupation to exercise their right of self-determination.

15. Paragraph 9, fourth subparagraph

Replace paragraph 9, fourth subparagraph by the following

Consider steps for improving the capability of the United Nations in conflict prevention and in preventive diplomacy.

16. Paragraph 9, fifth subparagraph

Replace paragraph 9, fifth subparagraph by the following

Enhance the role of the United Nations in the field of disarmament. In this regard, we affirm that regional and global approaches to disarmament and arms limitations complement each other and both should be pursued simultaneously in order to promote regional and international peace and security. In this context we also emphasize the importance of a comprehensive approach to disarmament issues on a non-discriminatory basis. We also give the greatest priority to the establishment of a genuine, truly universal and non-discriminatory nuclear non-proliferation regime that would promote the prospects of a better and more secure world free of nuclear weapons and the elimination of all other weapons of mass destruction, including chemical and biological weapons.

17. Paragraph 9, sixth subparagraph

Replace clandestine by illicit and international criminality by international organized crime.

The question of international narcotics is to be mentioned in a separate paragraph, using the wording contained in the proposal presented by Mexico in this regard.

18. Paragraph 9

Add a new seventh subparagraph as follows

Terrorism has emerged as one of the most dangerous threats to the enjoyment of human rights in many parts of the world. Terrorism is a violation of human rights that must be unequivocally condemned in all its acts, methods and practices and in all its forms and manifestations, including its links with drug trafficking in certain countries. The sponsorship of terrorism or allowing the use of national territories for the planning, organizing, training, instigating or commissioning of terrorist acts against other countries constitute a violation of the

principles of the Charter. The international community is urged to take appropriate measures to enhance cooperation in the fight against the threat of terrorism, wherever, by whoever and against whomever it occurs at the national, regional and international levels. In this context, we welcome the adoption of General Assembly resolution 49/60 as well as Commission of Human Rights resolution 1994/46 on terrorism. We also underline paragraph 100 of the Final Document of the Jakarta Summit, which differentiates terrorism from the struggle of peoples under colonial or alien domination and foreign occupation for self-determination.

19. Paragraph 9, old seventh subparagraph

Replace Increase significantly by Strengthen

At the end of the paragraph add in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

20. Paragraph 10

Replace the human family by humankind.

21. Paragraph 11

Replace the first two sentences by the following

The United Nations has played an important role in the spheres of economic and social development, including life-saving assistance to women, men and children around the world.

22. Paragraph 12

After children add youth, migrant workers

After for that purpose insert we will enhance international cooperation and take effective measures.

23. Paragraph 13

Replace in the last five years by recently

Add sectorally after specifically.

Replace the next two sentences by the following

As a result, a consensus has emerged on concepts of sustainable economic growth and sustainable development. At the core of these concepts is the recognition that people are at the centre of our concerns for sustainable development.

24. Paragraph 14

Replace including by particularly

Replace indispensable foundations by essential

25. Paragraph 15

Replace the chapeau by the following

Accordingly, we commit ourselves to the following towards the fulfilment of the right to development:

26. Paragraph 15, first subparagraph

Replace particularly those of Africa by and countries in Africa

27. Paragraph 15, second subparagraph

Replace in response to by based on

28. Paragraph 15, third subparagraph

Replace continuing by enhancing

Before open add equitable, secure, transparent

Before factors insert all.

29. Paragraph 15, fourth subparagraph

After poverty insert as an imperative of humankind.

Replace

Tne empowerment of women is central to all efforts to achieve development.

and convert it to a new subparagraph

30. Paragraph 15, fifth subparagraph

Replace recognizing by recognize

31. Paragraph 15, sixth subparagraph

Replace by the following

Enhance greatly the capacity and resources of the United Nations system for development.

32. Paragraph 15

Add the following new subparagraph as the seventh subparagraph

Recognize and promote the principle of the permanent sovereignty of peoples over their natural resources.

33. Paragraph 15

Add the following new subparagraph as the eighth subparagraph

Intensify cooperation with regard to natural disaster reduction, desertification, disaster relief and post-disaster rehabilitation and humanitarian assistance in order to enhance the capabilities of countries, particularly developing countries, to cope with such situations.

34. Paragraph 17

After historical add cultural and religious

35. Paragraph 17, first subparagraph

Add all before human rights

36. Paragraph 17, second subparagraph

Replace the second subparagraph by the following

Strengthen policies and programmes that ensure the full participation of women in all spheres of political, economic, social and cultural life, as equal partners, and improve their access to all resources needed for the full exercise of their fundamental rights.

37. Paragraph 17, third subparagraph

After protect add and promote

38. Paragraph 17

Add the following new fourth subparagraph

Promote the rights of youth and the disabled.

39. Paragraph 17

Add the following new fifth subparagraph

Recognize and support indigenous people in their pursuit of economic and social development with full respect for their identity, traditions, forms of social organization and cultural values.

40. Paragraph 18

Replace crucial by important

Delete modern

Replace the last four sentences by the following

This work must be pursued with renewed determination with a view to ensuring that relations between nations in all areas of global cooperation are based on the principles of justice and universally accepted principles of international law.

41. Paragraph 19

Replace paragraph 19 by the following

In this context, we commit ourselves to:

The further progressive development of international law in order to promote economic and social progress and better standards of living;

The promotion of acceptance of and respect for the principles of international law;

Promote and respect relevant instruments of international law as well as international humanitarian law;

Encouraging universal ratification of existing multilateral treaties and respect for the obligations arising from them;

The building and maintenance of justice between nations in full compliance with the principle of sovereign equality of States enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

42. Paragraph 20

Replace paragraph 20 by the following

We recognize that the global nature of our world requires wider participation, including governmental and non-governmental bodies. At the same time, we reaffirm the centrality of the fact that United Nations is first and foremost an intergovernmental organization.

43. Paragraph 21

Replace paragraph 21 by the following

Conscious of the fact that the United Nations can not fulfil its mandates effectively without adequate resources, we commit ourselves to meeting in full, on time and without conditions our financial obligations to the United Nations system.

44. Paragraph 22

Replace the human family by humankind

Delete especially to its suffering members

Replace the last sentence of the paragraph by the following

We will give to the twenty-first century a United Nations that will serve better the causes of development, peace, equality and justice.